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Report on the Mid-Career Program

1. On Thursday, 17 November 1955, twenty-two Foreign Service Officers, accompanied by Mr. Robert Rossow, Jr., Foreign Service Institute coordinator, came to room 117 Central for a special program to supplement what had been done for them in the intelligence field by the Department of State.

2. The program designed by the Department of State for these persons is called the Mid-Career Program.

3. Chief/OB/BS divided his formal presentation into three parts:

a. The what, why and where of national intelligence (emphasizing relationships with the Department of State.)



c. Discussion.

4. Chief/OB/BS has never faced a more alert audience than this group. It was very obvious early in the discussion period that many of the Foreign Service Officers had harbored deep-seated grudges against this Agency, and they phrased their questions with a degree of frankness which was completely indicative of their inner feelings. The gamut of inquiries ran all the way from Pearl Harbor to Korea. Indicative of their interest was the fact that the program, scheduled to end at 4:30 p.m., continued until approximately 5:45 p.m., and was stopped then only by the effort of the coordinator from the Foreign Service Institute, Mr. Rossow.

5. It was felt that much good will was won for the Agency, and the tone at the conclusion was illustrated by a spontaneous standing applause and expressions of appreciation.

6. It is recommended that when the Mid-Career Program is next arranged at the Department of State, it be handled on a special basis such as this, rather than putting these Foreign Service Officers into the Departmental Briefing.

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